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National Youth Advisory Council
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Youth Advisory Council launched by the Government; and

(b) the details of the Neighbourhood Youth Parliament launched by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) The Department of Youth Affairs had introduced a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) in December, 2014, which has a provision to setting up of a National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) to seek active involvement of the youth leaders as well as other stakeholders in the decision-making process on the youth related issues. The NYAC is to be chaired by the Minister in-charge of Youth Affairs, with Secretary, Youth Affairs as the Vice-Chairperson. The members of NYAC are to include Secretaries of major Central Ministries/ Departments dealing with youth related matters, Secretaries in-charge of Youth Affairs of States/ UTs (to be represented by rotation, 6 States/ UTs at a time), Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Young Leaders (one young leader from each State/ UT), UN Organisations, Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Other concerned Govt. officials, etc. The process of constitution of the National Youth Advisory Committee is going on.

(b)Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP) is a key component of the newly introduced Central Sector Scheme, namely, National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP). Under the Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP) Programme, the platform of youth clubs of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is being developed in the shape of vibrant 'neighbourhood youth parliament' to educate the youth club members about contemporary socio-economic development issues confronting village communities in general and the youth in particular and to involve them in debate/ discussions on such issues. The implementing strategy is that initially Youth Parliament Programmes are organised at Block level for capacity building of Presidents/ Secretaries of Youth Clubs of that Block, after which the Presidents/ Secretaries of Youth Clubs are required to organise similar programmes in youth clubs. The recommendations of these programmes are presented to the local administration/ local bodies for their consideration. NYKS has so far organised 9,570 Youth Parliament Programmes at Block level, in which 7.67 lakh members of NYK-affiliated Youth Clubs participated. The Programmes organised during the first quarter of 2015-16 were effectively leveraged for Yoga Awareness and Training, in addition to other themes, which played a key role in effective participation of NYKS in Yoga programmes across the country on the 21.06.2015, i.e., the International Day of Yoga. In fact, on 21.06.2015, yoga programmes were organised in 68,568 NYKS-affiliated youth clubs, in which 22.42 lakh youth club members participated.

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